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1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE EAST JAVA DOLOG (DEPOT LOGISTIC - THE GOVERNMENT RICE BUYING, STORING AND DISTRIBUTING AGENCY) MOHAMMAD AMIN TOLD A CONSULATE OFFICER 1976 RICE CROP IN EAST JAVA EXPECTED TO REACH TARGET LEVEL OF 6.12 MILLION TONS UNHULLED RICE. THIS FIGURE CLOSE TO LAST YEAR'S TARGET FIGURE OF 5.98 MILLION TONS WHICH WAS SURPASSED BY 2.5 PERCENT IN SPITE OF FLOODING.

2. FORECAST REFLECTS ABSENCE OF FLOODS IN EAST JAVA THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, THERE IS SOME CONCERN OVER THE EFFECT OF THE "WERENG" BEETLE PEST ON THIS YEAR'S CROP (THE WERENG IS A GRASSMLPPER-LIKE INSECT THE LARVAE OF WHICH DESTROYS THE RICE PLANT). AMIN SAID THAT REPORTS FROM HIS REGIONAL OFFICES INDICATE THAT WERENG INFESTATION SEEMS TO BE SUBSIDING, BUT REMAINS A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN EAST JAVA.

3. APPROXIMATELY 10 PERCENT OF THE RICE GROWING AREA HAS BEEN PLANTED WITH THE WERENG RESISTENT IR-26 VARIETY OF RICE. MOST OF THIS LAND IS IN BANYUWANGI AND JEMBER, THE TWO AREAS HARDEST HIT BY THE WERENG IN THE PAST. AT THIS POINT PROSPECTS APPEAR

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GOOD FOR THIS YEAR'S HARVEST IN THE PROVINCE.

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